(b) what steps Government have taken to ban collection of capitation fees in colleges and professional institutions including those in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) A number of private Engineering Colleges and Technical Institutes which charge capitation/high fees for purposes of admission continue to function in some parts of the country including Karnataka State.

(b) It is proposed to vest the All India Council for Technical Education with statutory powers which will enable it to put a stop to the collection of capitation fees by private Engineering Colleges and Technical Institutes.

Induction of Soviet designed aircraft in IA/AI Vayudoot

355. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will te Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be eased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Governt propose to induct Soviet designed il aircraft in Indian Airlines/Air India/ udoot;

) if so, what is the number of Soviet afts proposed to be added to these ies, separately; and

what is the amount of foreign ex- e likely to be involved in this re-

E MINISTER OF STATE OF THE TRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) to (c) Discussions are still in progress about leasing/purchasing of Soviet aircraft by Indian Airlines, Air India and Vayudoot.

Fines paid by shipping corporation of India to customs for smuggling of contraband goods

356. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) paid over rupees 10 crores as fines to the customs department during 1986-87 because of smuggling of contraband goods and that the amount was shown as 'official expenses' in the accounts of the SCI; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what are the comparative figures of fines paid by the SCI to the customs authorities during the last three years (year-wise); and

(c) what is the result of the inquiry, if any conducted by Government into the smuggling activities of the SCI ships stating the action taken/proposed to be taken by Government against those involved in the smuggling activities and also to check such activities in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) As per the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, the Customs Authorities hold the carrier responsible for bringing contraband into India when individual specific responsibility cannot be fixed. The fines so paid by the SCI during 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1987 are as follows:—

	Rs. 8, 58, 219	(of which Rs. 2,08.104 was recovered from Protection and Indemnity Clubs with which SCI are covered for cargo liability)
1	Rs. 5.59,671	
1	Rs. 2,51,500	
1	Rs. 80,000	